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Document A5 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A10.

Documents A6 and A7 are U.S. counterparts of Document A14.

Document A8 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A16.

The relevance of Document A9 is described in the present specification.

Documents A8, A10-A15 and A17, listed on the attached PTO/SB/08, were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

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